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SUBJ: TURKISH PRESS COMMENTS REGARDING USG POSITION ON INDEMNITY PAYMENTS FOR INSTALLATIONS

IN NOVEMBER 19 MILLIYET, NILUFER YALCIN COMMENTS ON USG POSITION CONCERNING PAYMENT OF INDEMNITY FOR USE OF TURKISH INSTALLATIONS. CITING LEAKS FROM WASHINGTON, SHE WRITES:

BEGIN QUOTE: THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DOES NOT FIND IT PROPER TO PAY TURKEY INDEMNITY FOR JOINT DEFENSE IN-UNCLASSIFIED

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STALLATIONS IN THIS COUNTRY, SINCE THEY ARE DIRECTLY

OR INDIRECTLY USEFUL FOR TURKEY AND NATO. NO SUCH PAYMENT HAS BEEN CONSIDERED FOR THE BASES IN OTHER NATO COUNTRIES. FURTHERMORE, IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO THINK THAT THESE JOINT DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS CONSTITUTE A DEFENCE AND SECURITY RISK FOR THE HOST COUNTRY. FOR SUCH A RISK CONCERNS NOT ONLY TURKEY BUT ALSO ALL THE MEMBERS OF NATO. IF TURKEY'S DEFENCE NEEDS TO BE REINFORCED, THE NECESSARY FUNDS CAN BE SECURED FROM OTHER CHANNELS AND UNDER A DIFFERENT KIND OF FORMULA. THE AMERICAN VIEW IS THAT TO FIND THIS FORMULA OUTSIDE OF THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IS DIFFICULT, BUT NOT IMPOSSIBLE. ANKARA WILL TRY TO HELP IN FINDING THIS FORUMLA. END QUOTE.

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